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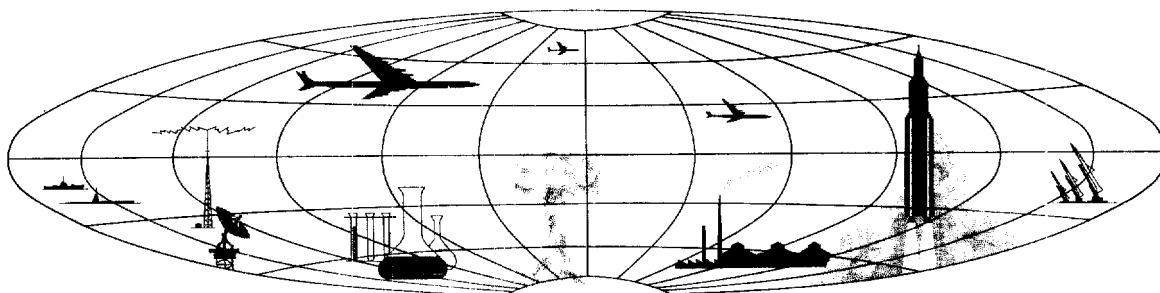
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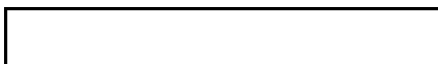
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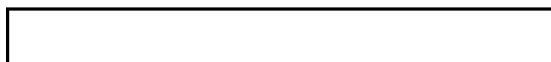
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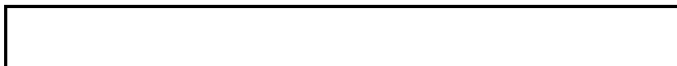
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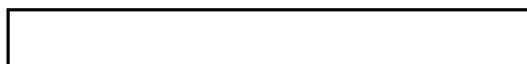
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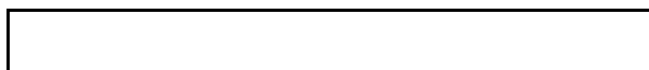
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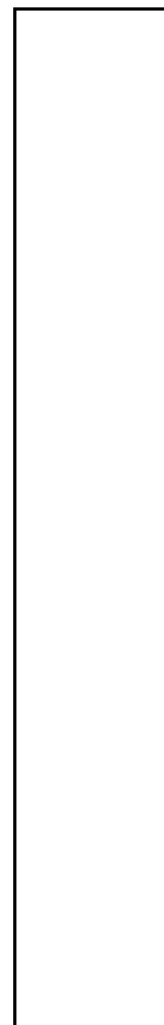


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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

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MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, FOUR  
CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

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BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD  
POSITION AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX LAUNCHERS AND ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTER VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AREA CONTAINS 29 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND NUMEROUS  
OTHER VEHICLES.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE COMPLETE. NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

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SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, (THE WESTERNMOST LAUNCHER,  
OUTSIDE THE REVETMENT, IS APPARENTLY COUPLED TO A  
PRIME MOVER. THE OTHER LAUNCHER IS INSIDE REVETMENT).  
TEN CANVAS-COVERED CRUISE MISSILE CRATES OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, 2 POSSIBLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, APPROXIMATELY 8 CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLES,  
APPROXIMATELY 8 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES AND  
APPROXIMATELY 10 OTHER VEHICLES.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

HEADQUARTERS AREA CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE-TYPE  
CRATES, 10 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 5  
CRANES, AND 65 OTHER VEHICLES.  
NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN WOODED AREA.

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--AIRFIELDS--

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 37 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 23 FAGOT/FRESCO,  
3 T-6, 11 B-26 AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE  
AIRCRAFT.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 4 C-46, ONE C-47,  
ONE CESSNA-310, ONE B-26, ONE BRITANNIA, ONE COOT, 2  
LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE LODESTAR, AND 4 CRATE (ONE  
WITHOUT WINGS).

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 C-47, 3 CRATE, ONE PBY, 8 COLT, 39  
LIAISON/TRAINER AND ONE HARE.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES PARKED AT EAST END OF  
RUNWAY.

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PLAYA BARCOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 60 HOUND, 3 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS,  
AND ONE C-47.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AND ONE COASTAL  
FREIGHTER, 2 PF, ONE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP (POINTED BOW

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AND STERN), AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

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PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 33 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, 3 TRAWLERS, 5 PT (ONE ON MARINE RAILWAY), 2 PC, ONE PF, AND 4 COASTAL FREIGHTERS.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER IN HARBOR (5 HATCHES OPEN AND 2 LIGHTERS ALONGSIDE).

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-ELECTRONICS-

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HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. CENTER CONTAINS  
23 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 20 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

ELEVEN LARGE, ONE MEDIUM AND ONE SMALL TENT, 40  
TANKS/SP GUNS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5  
PROBABLE FROG MISSILE-TRANSPORTERS, 6 SNAPPERS, 8  
FA PIECES, 176 CARGO TRUCKS, 15 UTILITY TRUCKS, 57  
EIGHT-WHEELED APC, 104 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 13 CARGO  
TRAILERS, AND 2 LOWBOY TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN  
AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. THERE IS NO APPARENT  
CHANGE IN THE NEW TENT AREA.

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

CAMP CONTAINS 23 VEHICLES.

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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

SCATTERED-TO-HEAVY CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

FORTY-THREE LARGE, 14 MEDIUM AND 9 SMALL TENTS, 13  
TANKS/SP GUNS (2 ON THE DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE), 3  
UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, 37 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 32  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY

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BRIDGES. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. IN ADDITION TO THE TENTS REPORTED ABOVE, 3 LARGE TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET-TYPE) WERE OBSERVED IN THE CAMP PROPER.

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREAS LISTED BELOW.

REFORMATORY PROPER -- 29 LARGE, 13 MEDIUM AND 6 SMALL TENTS, 9 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, 9 VAN TRUCKS AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLE.

MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 10 LARGE, 18 MEDIUM AND ONE SMALL TENT, 158 CARGO TRUCKS, 19 UTILITY TRUCKS, 2 POL TRUCKS, 42 VAN TRUCKS, 6 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 17 CARGO TRAILERS (OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED VEHICLES, ONE UTILITY TRUCK, ONE POL TRUCK AND 11 CARGO TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED IN CONVOY FORMATION IN THE AREA).

MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- 5 SMALL TENTS, 23 CARGO TRUCKS, 2 UTILITY TRUCKS, 2 POL TRUCKS, 69 VAN TRUCKS, 5 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 8 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 7 CARGO TRAILERS AND 3 VAN TRAILERS.

MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- 62 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 2 POL TRUCKS, 16 VAN TRUCKS, 98 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 8 CARGO TRAILERS.

AAA SITE 1.5 NM SSE -- 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 14 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE UTILITY TRUCK, ONE VAN TRUCK, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, ONE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLE, AND 4 CARGO TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.

BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 15 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM AND 12 SMALL TENTS, 54 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 24 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 POSSIBLE K-61 TRACKED AMPHIBIANS AND 3 PROBABLE HEAVY PONTOON BRIDGES.

MOTOR PARK 1.2 NM SW -- 20 TANKS/SP GUNS, 12 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

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CAMP CONTAINS 27 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND AT LEAST 150 OTHER VEHICLES. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

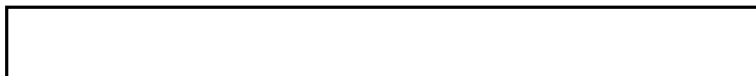
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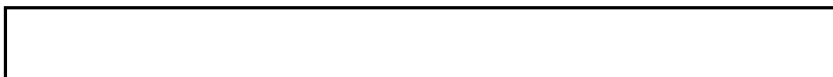


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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 17 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY  
10 OTHER VEHICLES.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

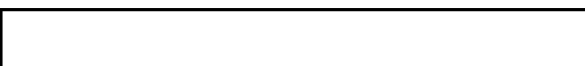
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CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

CAMP CONTAINS 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY  
20 OTHER VEHICLES.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

CAMP CONTAINS 18 FA PIECES AND 25 TRUCKS.

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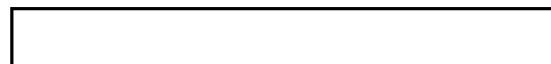


GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 30 FA PIECES, 19 PRIME MOVERS AND  
13 TRUCKS.

WEST AREA -- 11 FA PIECES AND 13 TRUCKS.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

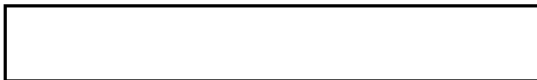
CAMP CONTAINS 3 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND AT LEAST 75  
OTHER VEHICLES.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

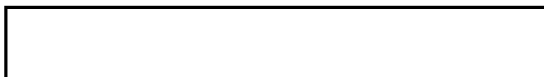
AREA 1 -- 13 TANKS/SP, 3 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP AND 6 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 2 -- 15 VEHICLES.

AREA 3 -- 18 TANKS/SP, 7 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP AND 8 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 4 -- 21 FA PIECES AND 3 VEHICLES.

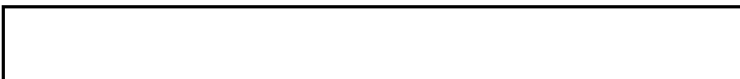
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SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

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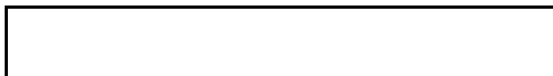
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SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED AT PUNTA REGLA AND AT LEAST 60 MORE IN POL AREA.

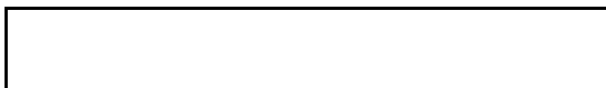
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SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE 2250N 08233W

NO MILITARY OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA VICTOR 2300N 08234W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA TANGO 2258N 08244W

EIGHT TANKS/SP GUNS AND 40 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AT  
GUANAJAY MILITARY CAMP.

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TARARA LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE AT STORAGE SITES. APPROXIMATELY  
30 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

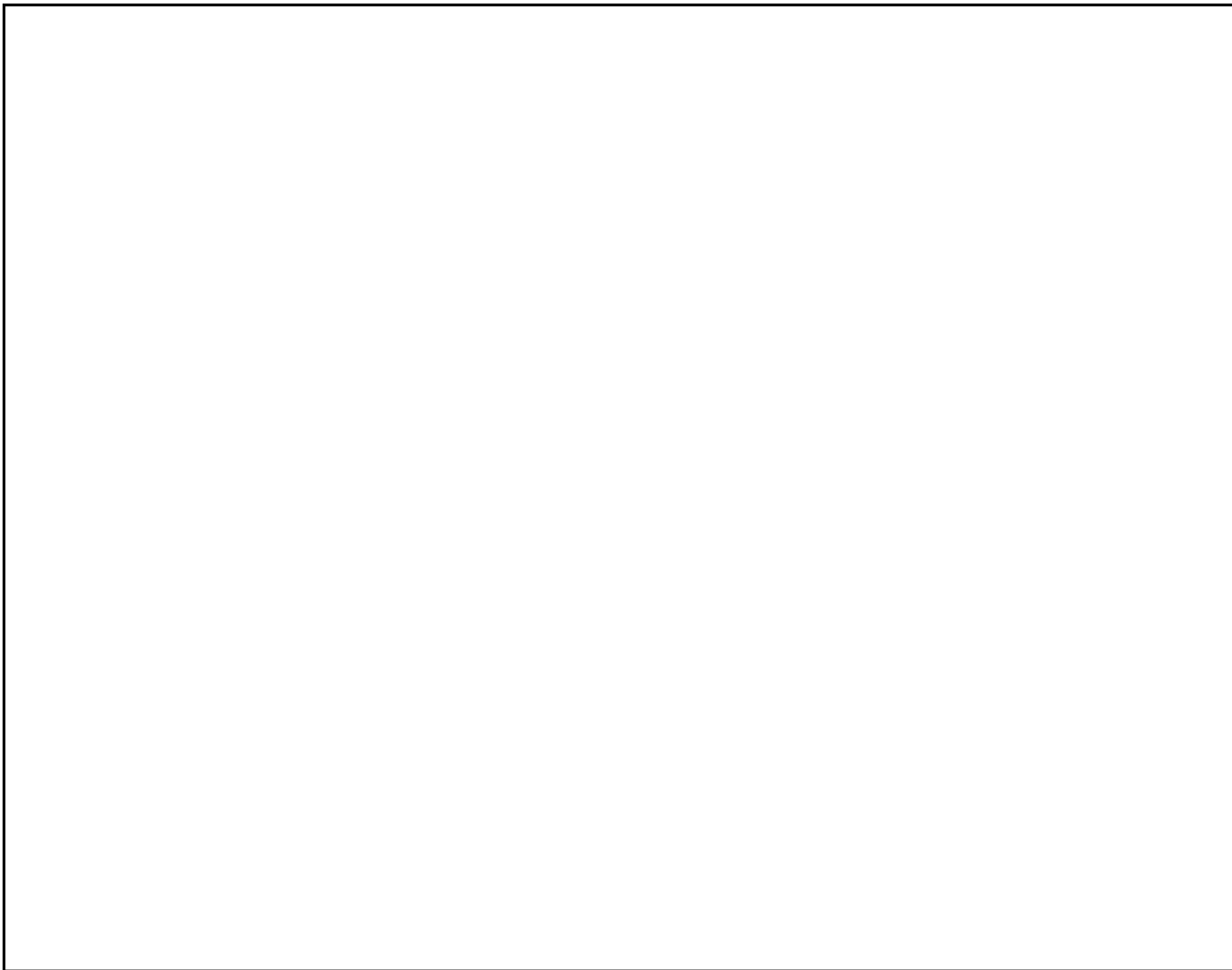
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CABANAS, SECURED AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2258N 08258W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES

SIXTEEN CRATES OBSERVED, EACH APPROXIMATELY

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

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REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
MAJANA SAM SITE  
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

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2241N 08249W  
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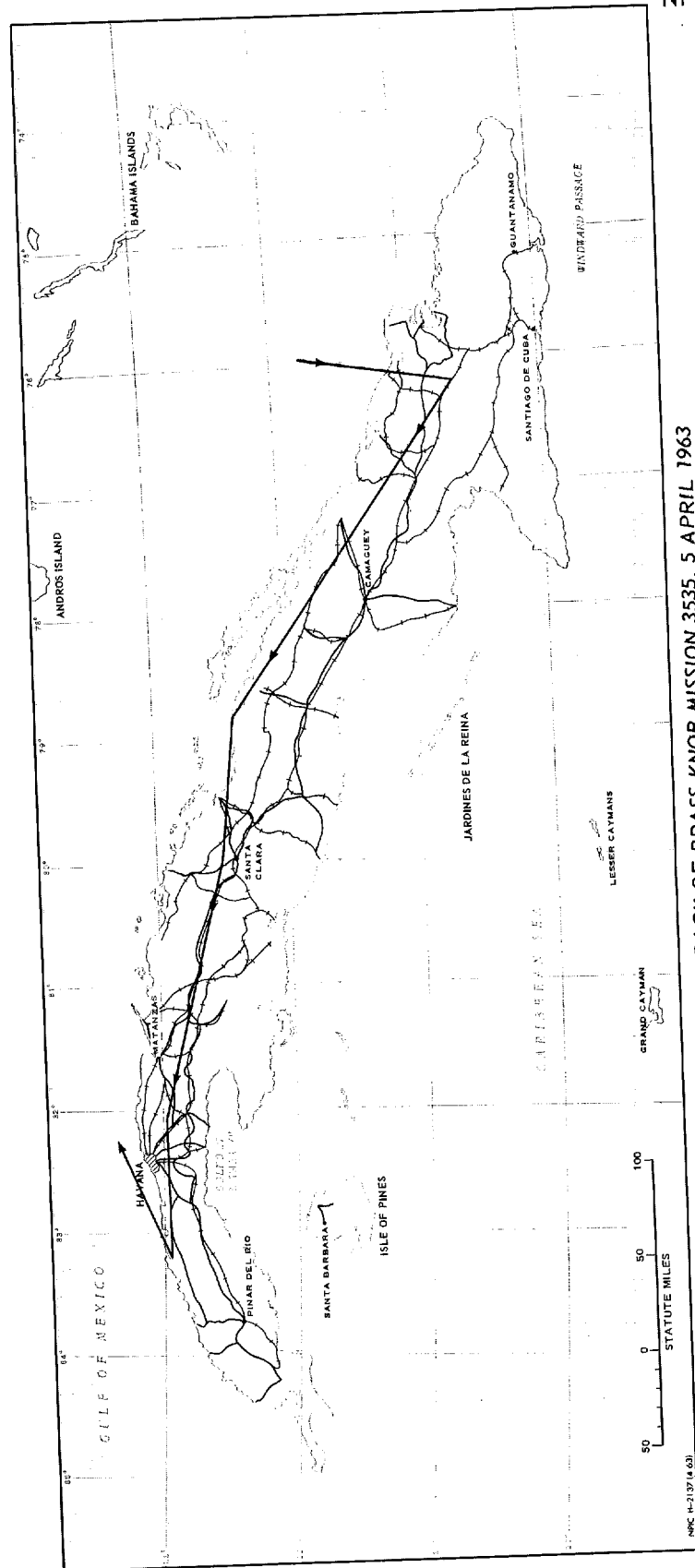


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